

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Praise Ye the Lord, E. Butler¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 58

Leader: God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us
is to loose the bonds of injustice,

**People: to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the
homeless poor.**

Leader: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring
up quickly.

**People: So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words
but with our hearts and our lives.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty, Lobe den Herren²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created
us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in
wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your
light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior** *(continue with silent
confession...)* **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*ACCLAMATION HYMN 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*³

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. World without end, without end.

Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE (*Greet your neighbor with a first-bump, elbow-bump or wave*)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet each other with the peace of Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for *Spiritual Adventures*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

SERMON

The Beloved Community

Dr. Peter Bakken

***HYMN 314**

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness, Christ, Be Our Light*⁴

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE 601

*Threefold Amen, Danish Amen*⁵

Amen. Amen. Amen.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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*I Want to Be a Christian, arr. M. McDonald*⁶

***DEDICATION HYMN 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God*⁷
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

***HYMN 772**

*Live into Hope, Truro*⁸

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Allegro, G.F. Handel*⁹

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Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

The Chancel Choir

Ushers: Doug & Juanita Halls, Dorothy Hujik

Liturgist: Ed Cothroll

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Dorothy Blotz, accompanist

